



**Committee:** Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 55 - Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority and Collaboration

**Hearing Date:** March 24, 2022

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives supports *House Bill 55 – Health Occupations – Nurse Anesthetists – Drug Authority and Collaboration*. The bill would establish prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) within certain parameters specified in law.

We support ensuring our colleagues in other advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) professions can practice to the full extent of their education and training. CRNAs graduate from clinical education programs with the education needed to prescribe medications within their practice areas.

Maryland patients would have more seamless clinical experiences if CRNAs could prescribe medication. In many settings, CNRAs are the primary point of patient contact for anesthesia services. could the flow of clinical services is improved when CRNAs can prescribe for their patients.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony. We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Scott Tiffin at [stiffin@policypartners.net](mailto:stiffin@policypartners.net).